

to their rich quality of character. They are great role models for the people of Delaware and I would like to commend their outstanding accomplishments. I wish them all the best as they accept the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOANN
STRAND

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joann Strand and congratulate her on becoming National Board Certified in 2006.

Joann, a teacher at Foothill High School in Las Vegas, has a long and distinguished career as an educator and greatly deserves this notable recognition. Joann is one of two educators in Henderson, NV to earn National Board Certification in 2006. National Board Certification is a process that requires from one to three years of preparation and testing. Joann had to complete a portfolio of assignments, essays, and videotapes as well as tests which assessed her knowledge of the individual subjects she teaches. Only 116 of more than 20,000 teachers in the Clark County School District, less than 1 percent, have earned this distinction. Joann has made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have this leadership which positively impacts student achievement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Joann Strand. Her efforts to improve the educational experiences of the student at Foothill High School are commendable. I congratulate her on her much deserved recognition and I wish her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO COACH BOB WILSON
AND THE WILSON TIGERS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the outstanding members of the South Carolina AAA High School Boys' Basketball State Championship team, the Wilson High School Tigers, and their exceptional coach, Bob Wilson.

Wilson High School is located in the 6th Congressional District which I proudly represent. On Saturday night, March 3, Coach Wilson led the Tigers to the first State Championship for a Florence team in 20 years.

That State Championship game took place at the Colonial Center in Columbia, South Carolina. And although the Tigers did not score a single point until the 4th minute of the game, they gathered their wits and started playing with true determination and it all paid off in the end. I am proud of these exceptional athletes and so is their community. They won 23 out of their 29 games this season.

It requires a great deal of discipline to properly balance athleticism and academic require-

ments, but these young men have excelled at both. There are six seniors on the team this year, and all of them deserve congratulations for their hard work this season.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate each of them on behalf of this Congress: Sam Muldrow, Dominique Lacy, Antwain Lyde, Greg White, Rico Young, Dalwayne Rhodes, Hiram Echols, Jamal Banks, Jamar Graham, Denzel Belin, Daron Cooper, Tracy McFadden, Shamel Brackett, Alan-Michael Thompson, and Trevonte Dixon. Their assistant coaches, Pete McCants, Rodney Barr, and David Littlefield, also deserve recognition for their hard work and devotion to these young men.

Coach Wilson's career speaks for itself: before coming to Wilson High School in 2000, he spent 5 years as head basketball coach for West Florence High School. Prior to becoming a head coach, he served as an assistant at Francis Marion University and West Florence High School.

Remarkably, Coach Wilson was involved in another historic state championship for Florence: he was the assistant coach when West Florence High School won the State Championship in 1986, the last time a Florence basketball team had won until this season.

Throughout his career, Coach Wilson has been a sterling example to his players both on and off the court. The entire State of South Carolina is fortunate to have such a dedicated and tireless advocate and role model for young men and women.

Madam Speaker, I admire the effort and teamwork the members of this team have demonstrated throughout the season and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing them good luck and Godspeed in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL
SERGEANT DELANO M. JACKSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson for his long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force.

Sergeant Jackson first began his long and illustrious career in 1986 for the purpose of continuing his education. Jackson attended Technical Training at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas where he received training as a Technical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, however he always had a passion to become an Air Force recruiter and expose prospective Airmen to the opportunities that the United States Air Force provides. Sergeant Jackson's first assignment was in South Korea attached to the 51st Generation Squadron. His next assignment was to the 2952 Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Hill AFB in Utah; where he received training as an Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Technician and was subsequently deployed to Saudi Arabia and Qatar in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon returning to the United States after the First Gulf War, Sergeant Jackson pursued his desire to become a recruiter and attended the

Air Force Recruiting School, from where he graduated in 2001. His first assignment after Recruiting School was in Muskegon, Michigan, where he was awarded three senior recruiter badges during his three years assigned there. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 339 Recruiting Squadron as an Operations NCO, and subsequently a Marketing NCO. In October 2001, Jackson was assigned to the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds), at Nellis AFB, Nevada, as a recruiter. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 368th Recruiting Squadron to recruit for the Nurse, Dental, and Officer Training School programs in October 2002.

Over the course of his long and distinguished career, Sergeant Jackson received numerous accolades. His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Medal, the Southwest Asia Medal with 2 devices, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean Defense Medal, the Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with 4 devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson. His distinguished record of service to the United States Air Force is commendable and I thank him for his many years of admirable service. I wish Sergeant Jackson the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 16, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, March 12 and was unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted aye on H.R. 85, a bill to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies; and aye on H.R. 136, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that individuals and appropriate authorities are notified by the Commissioner of Social Security of evidence of misuse of the Social Security account numbers of such individuals.

I also would have voted aye on House Resolution 89 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as Dutch-American Friendship Day to celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands. My own district exemplifies how America has been enriched through our relationship with the Netherlands. One of the cities in my district, Artesia, was founded by Dutch dairy farmers in the first half of the twentieth century. While the farms are no more, the descendants of these settlers now thrive in business, the arts and public service. I am proud of the contributions Dutch-Americans have made and pleased to voice my support for this resolution.